

minority families and in relation to the racial mix of the locality's population.

(B) Units may be considered "comparable opportunities" if they have the same household type (elderly, disabled, family, large family) and tenure type (owner/renter); require approximately the same tenant contribution towards rent; serve the same income group; are located in the same housing market; and are in standard condition.

(C) Application of this sufficient, comparable opportunities standard involves assessing the overall impact of HUD-assisted housing on the availability of housing choices for low-income minority families in and outside areas of minority concentration, and must take into account the extent to which the following factors are present, along with other factors relevant to housing choice:

(1) A significant number of assisted housing units are available outside areas of minority concentration.

(2) There is significant integration of assisted housing projects constructed or rehabilitated in the past 10 years, relative to the racial mix of the eligible population.

(3) There are racially integrated neighborhoods in the locality.

(4) Programs are operated by the locality to assist minority families that wish to find housing outside areas of minority concentration.

(5) Minority families have benefited from local activities (e.g., acquisition and write-down of sites, tax relief programs for homeowners, acquisitions of units for use as assisted housing units) undertaken to expand choice for minority families outside of areas of minority concentration.

(6) A significant proportion of minority households has been successful in finding units in non-minority areas under the Section 8 certificate and voucher programs.

(7) Comparable housing opportunities have been made available outside areas of minority concentration through other programs.

(iv) Application of the "overriding housing needs" criterion, for example, permits approval of sites that are an integral part of an overall local strategy for the preservation or restoration

of the immediate neighborhood and of sites in a neighborhood experiencing significant private investment that is demonstrably changing the economic character of the area (a "revitalizing area"). An "overriding housing need," however, may not serve as the basis for determining that a site is acceptable if the only reason the need cannot otherwise be feasibly met is that discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status or disability renders sites outside areas of minority concentration unavailable or if the use of this standard in recent years has had the effect of circumventing the obligation to provide housing choice.

(4) The site must promote greater choice of housing opportunities and avoid undue concentration of assisted persons in areas containing a high proportion of low-income persons.

(5) The neighborhood must not be one which is seriously detrimental to family life or in which substandard dwellings or other undesirable conditions predominate, unless there is actively in progress a concerted program to remedy the undesirable conditions.

(6) The housing must be accessible to social, recreational, educational, commercial, and health facilities and services, and other municipal facilities and services that are at least equivalent to those typically found in neighborhoods consisting largely of unassisted, standard housing of similar market rents.

(7) Except for new construction housing designed for elderly persons, travel time and cost via public transportation or private automobile, from the neighborhood to places of employment providing a range of jobs for lower-income workers, must not be excessive.

#### **§ 983.7 Eligible and ineligible properties and HA-owned units.**

(a) Section 982.352 of this chapter, *Eligible Housing*, does not apply. Newly constructed and existing structures of various types may be appropriate for attaching assistance to the units under this part 983, including single-family housing and multifamily structures.

(b) An HA may not attach assistance under this part 983 to units in the following types of housing:

(1) Housing for which the construction is started before Agreement execution;

(2) Housing for which the rehabilitation is started before Agreement execution;

(3) Shared housing; nursing homes; and facilities providing continual psychiatric, medical, nursing services, board and care or intermediate care;

(4) Units within the grounds of penal, reformatory, medical, mental, and similar public or private institutions;

(5) Housing located in the Coastal Barrier Resources System designated under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act; or

(6) Housing located in an area that has been identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as having special flood hazards, unless:

(i)(A) The community in which the area is situated is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (see 44 CFR parts 59 through 79); or

(B) Less than a year has passed since FEMA notification regarding such hazards; and

(ii) The HA will ensure that flood insurance on the structure is obtained in compliance with section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*).

(7) A public housing or Indian housing unit.

(c) An HA may attach assistance under this part 983 to a highrise elevator project for families with children only if HUD determines there is no practical alternative. HUD may make this determination for an HA's project-based assistance, in whole or in part, and need not review each project on a case-by-case basis.

(d) An HA may attach assistance to units under this part 983 for use as single room occupancy (SRO) housing only if:

(1) The property is located in an area in which there is a significant demand for these units, as determined by the HUD field office;

(2) The HA and the unit of general local government in which the property is located approve the attaching of assistance to these units; and

(3) The HA and the unit of general local government certify to HUD that

the property meets applicable local health and safety standards.

(e) Assistance may not be attached to a unit that is occupied by an owner; however, cooperatives are considered to be rental housing for purposes of this part 983.

(f) In no event may any occupant of a unit with project-based assistance under this part 983 receive the benefit of any of the following: any other form of Section 8 assistance, rent supplement, Section 23 housing assistance, or Section 236 "deep subsidy" rental assistance payments.

(g)(1) *HA-owned unit* means a unit (other than public housing) that is owned by the HA which administers the assistance under this part 983 pursuant to an ACC between HUD and the HA (including a unit owned by an entity substantially controlled by the HA).

(2) An HA-owned unit may only be assisted under the project-based certificate program if:

(i) The HA-owned unit is not ineligible housing under this section.

(ii) The HUD field office selects the HA-owned unit pursuant to the competitive ranking and rating process specified in the HA's HUD-approved unit selection policy (see § 983.51).

(iii) The HUD field office establishes the initial contract rents.

(iv) The HUD field office has conducted all HA reviews required under this part before execution of the Agreement.

(3) Any adjustment of the contract rent for an HA-owned unit must be approved in advance by the HUD field office.

(4) As owner of an HA-owned unit, the HA is subject to all of the same program requirements that apply to other owners in the program.

(5) HUD headquarters establishes the amount of the administrative fee for an HA-owned unit. The HA will earn a lower ongoing administrative fee for an HA-owned unit than for a unit not owned by the HA, and no fee for the cost to help a family experiencing difficulty in renting appropriate housing.

(6) HA-owned units are subject to the same requirements as units that are not HA-owned, including the ineligibility of units that are currently public or

Indian housing and units constructed or rehabilitated with other assistance under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937.

**§ 983.8 Rehabilitation: Minimum expenditure requirement.**

(a) To qualify as rehabilitation under this part 983, existing structures must require a minimum expenditure of \$1000 per assisted unit, including the unit's prorated share of work to be accomplished on common areas or systems, in order to:

(1) Upgrade the property to decent, safe, and sanitary condition to comply with the housing quality standards or other standards approved by HUD, from a condition below those standards;

(2) Repair or replace major building systems or components in danger of failure within two years from the date of the initial HA inspection;

(3) Convert or merge units to provide housing for large families; or

(4) For up to seven percent of the units to be assisted, make accessibility improvements to the property necessary to meet the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988.

(b) In determining the minimum expenditure of \$1000 per assisted unit, the HA must include the prorated cost of common improvements in the costs of the individual units.

**§ 983.9 Prohibition against new construction or rehabilitation with U.S. Housing Act of 1937 assistance and use of flexible subsidy; pledge of Agreement or HAP contract.**

(a) Assistance may not be attached to any unit which was in the five years before execution of the Agreement, or will be, constructed or rehabilitated with other assistance under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (e.g., public housing (development or modernization), rental rehabilitation grants under 24 CFR part 511, housing development grants under 24 CFR part 850, or other Section 8 programs). In addition, a unit to which assistance is to be attached under this part 983 may not be rehabilitated with flexible subsidy assistance under part 219 of this title. HUD may approve attachment of assistance to a unit that was rehabilitated with public

housing modernization funds before conveyance to a resident management corporation under section 21 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437s) if attachment of project-based assistance would further the purposes of the sale of the public housing project to the corporation.

(b) If an owner is proposing to pledge the Agreement or HAP contract as security for financing, the owner must submit the financing documents to the HA. In determining the approvability of a pledge arrangement, the HA must review the documents submitted by the owner to ensure that the financing documents do not modify the Agreement or HAP contract, and do not contain any requirements inconsistent with the Agreement or HAP contract. Any pledge of the Agreement or HAP contract must be limited to amounts payable under the HAP contract in accordance with the terms of the HAP contract.

**§ 983.10 Displacement, relocation, and acquisition.**

(a) *Minimizing displacement.* (1) Consistent with the other goals and objectives of this part, an owner must assure that it has taken all reasonable steps to minimize the displacement of persons (households, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and farms) as a result of a rehabilitation project assisted under this part.

(2) Whenever a building or complex is rehabilitated and some, but not all, of the rehabilitated units will be assisted upon completion of the rehabilitation, the relocation requirements described in this section cover the occupants of each rehabilitated unit, whether or not Section 8 assistance will be provided for the unit.

(b) *Temporary relocation.* The following policies cover residential tenants who will not be required to move permanently but who must relocate temporarily for the project. Such tenants must be provided:

(1) Reimbursement for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the temporary relocation, including the cost of moving to and from the temporary housing and any increase in monthly rent/utility costs;